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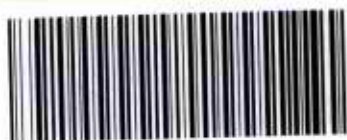
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CROP PROSPECTS

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DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES
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Weather conditions. The rainy and cold weather which prevailed during last ~~most~~ month has caused much hindrance to the execution of the seasonal work - i.e. the preparation of the land for summer crops.

Large areas which due to weather disturbances have not been sown are ~~to~~ also being prepared for summer crops.

The surplus of water which has remained in the land forms a good ground for the development of various ~~in~~ pests and fungus diseases.

Fields' condition. In the early sown areas, the ears of cereals and blossoms of leguminous crops have already begun to appear. In the lately sown areas there are still no signs of development as it should have been in this season. The reason is probably the abnormal weather and the cold waves which came continuously. There is a good reason to assume, therefore, that the yields will be only about 60% of those obtained in normal years. The quantity of straw will also be very small. There were no serious dangers of floods, storms or frost, with the exception of ^{some} very low grounds where hay crops have been badly damaged.

Preparations of the land for
Preparations towards summer season.

Preparations of the land for planting of potatoes has already been finished. Nurseries of tomatoes, egg-plants and pepper ~~are~~ ^{green} are being prepared. In view of the danger of lack of fodder, the ~~setback~~ farmers tend to sow large areas of maize, sunflower seeds and sorghum which are to ~~take~~ ^{replace} fill the ~~need~~ ^{lack} of the green fodder.

In short we can conclude that

- 1) Due to the abnormal conditions only 60% of normal crops will be collected.
- 2) Great efforts are made to increase the areas for summer crops as much as possible.
- 3) Import of hay and straw from neighbouring countries will be met with great appreciation of all the farmers.

Director of Agriculture
and Fisheries,
Jerusalem.

Subject:- Crop Prospects.

Reference your telegram dated 30.12.43, I beg to inform you of the following:-

Weather. The unusually long period of the warm and dry weather during the months of November - December 1943 prevented farmers from ploughing and sowing their fields in due time and thus had an adverse influence on the preparations of lands and the clearing of same from weeds in prevision of the coming season. Pests and diseases of field crops and vegetable gardens, that usually disappear with the advent of the rainy season, were active throughout the autumn months and severely damaged the newly planted gardens.

The rainfall during December was scanty and did not wet the soil deeply enough to assure a vigorous germination and growth.

Winter crops. Most of the local wheat varieties and the barley were sown before the advent of the rains. Owing to the dry condition of the soil, the grain did not germinate. In Jewish Settlements, where larger areas are being sown every year with quick maturing wheats (C.C.C. and B.I.P.M.), sowing could be postponed till the middle or end of December.

All sown fields became green immediately after the advent of the rains on and after December 14th, and germination as well as growth are proceeding satisfactorily in all areas. Provided rainfall continues regularly during the coming months, it is hoped that a normal crop will be produced. Only very slight damages were recorded in early sown fields where germination took place after the rains of October. The extent of these damages is insignificant.

Fodder crops. Irrigated fodder crops were favoured by the warm weather during November-December. The first cut of these crops was harvested and the second cut is nearing maturity. Unirrigated fields (vetch and oats) were so far sown only a limited area on light soils, which could be ploughed before the rains. The condition of these fields, before the rain, was below normal and yellowish. The rains saved their situation. In heavier soils, vetch and oats are being replaced by Berseem fahli, which may be sown with good chances of success as late as January.

Vegetables. The warm and dry weather during November-December 1943 had a favourable influence on the development and early production of autumn potatoes. Their crop was above normal in most areas. Tomatoes suffered from hot weather and many diseases shortly after planting during August-September and their production was subsequently reduced to below normal. The same applies to early plantings of cabbage and cauliflower while late plantings yielded much better results. Sweet potatoes became very popular with growers and their yields were exceptionally good.

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